(c) wheter these tribal people would not be uprooted from their traditional vocations under the new trade regime?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (c) As indicated by the Ministry of Commerce, under the provisions of the TRIPS Agreement of WTO, protection is provided to seven categories of intellectual property rights, *viz.*, copyrights and related rights, patents, geographical indications, trademarks, industrial designs, layout-desings of integrated circuits and undisclosed information. In addition, protection is also provided to new plant varieties. Works of traditional tribal artisans are prior art and their traditional knowledge fall under public domain and therefore these do not belong to any of the above seven categories of intellectual property rights. As such, at present no protection is available to works of traditional tribal artisans as well as their traditional knowledge under the TRIPS Agreement of WTO.

Tribal Co-operative Marketing Development Federation of India Limited (TRIFED) is running a Tribes shop for marketing tribal arts and crafts for benefit of scheduled tribe artisans.

NSTFDC provides financial assistance to eligible Scheduled Tribes for income generating schemes including schemes of ST artisans, costing upto Rs. 10.00 lakh per unit/profit centre through State Channelising Agencies nominated by the respective State/UT Government.

The Department of Culture, also implements a scheme to promote and generate awareness about richness of tribal/rural culture to inculcate respect and admiration for the contribution of tribal communities to various facets of tribal culture, among other measures.

(b) The National Tribal Policy seeks to address all concerns of the scheduled tribe people.

Crimes against tribal girls in Madhya Pradesh

†1536. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minsiter of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that girls from tribal areas of Madhya Pradesh are kidnapped and then forced to practice profane professions;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are considering to amend the tribal laws to stop such incidents; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) and (b) As per information provided by the Government of Madhya Pradesh no such major cases have been reported in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no such move.

Education to Tribal Girls

1537. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the institution run by NGOs to impart education to tribal girls in low literacy pockets have been affected adversely due to non-release of grants in time year after year and pendency of arrears of grant-in-aid;

(b) the number of institutions which have closed down and reduction in enrolment as a result of repeated notices by his Ministry in 2004 and 2005 that pending review, NGOs would be running the institutions at their own cost and risk; and

(c) whether such reviews achieved their objectives and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH): (a) Grant-in aid is given to the Non Governmental Organisations under the Scheme of Establishment of Educational Complexes in low literacy pockets for the development of women literacy in tribal areas, subject to fulfilment of pre-requisite requirements by the NGOs like submission of documents namely, application, budget estimates, audited accounts, annual report, list of staff and beneficiaries, etc and the inspection report of District Collector and recommendation by the concerned State Government. The delay in release of grant-in-aid is generally due to non-fulfilment of these requirements and delayed-receipt or non-receipt of the recommendation of the State Government. On receipt of complete proposals in the Ministry, the projects are processed expeditiously as per the established procedure.